GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INCREASE IN CANCER CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)Whether death due to cancer is on the rise in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons for such increase;

(c) The percentage of death in the country in comparison with causality at Global level ;

(d) The total number of cancer Speciality Hospital in the Government and Private Sectors in the country, State-wise;

(e) The average number of cancer patients attended to by every such speciality Hospital in the country;

(f) Whether the number of attended to by patients these hospitals is in accordance with standard prescribed by the WHO; and

(g) If not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and time frame by which it is to be brought at a par with the said standard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a & b): The data collected by Indian Council of Medical Research through Population Based Cancer Registry functioning under the National Cancer Control Programme does not show any rise in cancer deaths over the years.

(c) As per estimates by International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO), Lyon, France, the estimated cancer deaths in India (5.8 lakhs in 2002) was about 68% of incident cases (8.5 lakh) estimated for the same year. The similar proportion estimate for the entire World was about 61.9%.

(d to g): Health is a State subject and it is for various State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. The Central Government is also supplementing the efforts of the State Government by providing financial assistance to install equipments for providing treatment facilities.The data regarding number of cancer speciality hospitals in the Government and Private sectors in the country and the average number of cancer patients attended to by every such speciality hospital are not available as it is not centrally maintained However, under the National Cancer Control Programme this Ministry has recognized 25 Regional Cancer Centres which provides comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including testing facilities. In addition, the Radiotherpay treatment is also available at about 210 centres in India.